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1. SUMMARY: DUTCH PARLIAMENT HAS GIVEN ITS APPROVAL TO CABINET SELECTION OF COMMISSION OF "WISE MEN" AND TO TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR INVESTIGATION. SOME DOUBTS ARE BEGINNING BE VOICED, HOWEVER, OVER PROSPECTS FOR FULL REVELATION OF FACTS. END SUMMARY

2. WITH ONLY THE COMMUNISTS (CPN) AND PACIFIST SOCIALIST (PSP) IN OPPOSITION, SECOND CHAMBER OF DUTCH STATES GENERAL GAVE ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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APPROVAL FEB 10 TO CABINET'S DECISION TO HAND OVER RESPONSIBILITY

FOR INVESTIGATION OF LOCKHEED/PRINCE BERNHARD AFFAIR TO AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION. CPN AND PSP SPOKESMEN ASKED PRIMIN TO EXTEND INQUIRY INTO GENERAL QUESTION OF ARMS PURCHASES, BUT HE DECLINED, NOTING THAT APART FROM ALLEGATIONS ABOUT ROLE OF PRINCE, GON HAD NO BASIS FOR EXTENDING INVESTIGATION. IF, HOWEVER, OTHER NAMES CAME UP DURING COURSE OF INVESTIGATION, COMMISSION COULD EXPAND ITS INQUIRY. PRIMIN REJECTED IDEA OF COMMISSION PROCEEDING BY MAKING INQUIRIES AT RANDOM INTO BEHAVIOR OF OTHER PEOPLE.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUESTION AS TO WHY A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY RATHER THAN AN INVESTIGATION BY REGULAR JUDICIARY, PRIMIN REPLIED THAT ALLEGATIONS WHICH HAD BEEN MADE ARE NOT SUFFICIENT TO WARRANT REFERRAL FOR PRELIMINARY JUDICIAL INVESTIGATION. "SHOULD THE COMMISSION'S INVESTIGATIONS LEAD TO A CONCLUSION THAT PUNISHABLE OFFENSES WERE INVOLVED, THE MATTER WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO THE JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES." INFORMATION DEVELOPED BY THE COMMISSION WOULD BE GIVEN TO SECOND CHAMBER IN CONFIDENCE TO GUARD AGAINST INVASION OF PRIVACY, BUT THE REPORT AND CONCLUSIONS OF THE COMMISSION WOULD BE PUBLISHED.

4. THERE SEEMS TO BE GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF CABINET'S CHOICE OF THREE-MAN COMMISSION AND OF ITS TERMS OF REFERENCE. SOME DISQUIET HAS BEEN VOICED, HOWEVER, OVER PROSPECTS FOR COMMISSION REALLY BEING ABLE TO GET TO BOTTOM OF THE AFFAIR. SEVERAL PARLIAMENTARIANS HAVE POINTED OUT THAT COMMISSION HAS NO POWER COMPEL TESTIMONY, TO PUT PEOPLE UNDER OATH, NOR TO MAKE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS. SOME DOUBTS HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED IN EDITORIAL COLUMNS.

5. AFTER FIVE DAYS, STORY CONTINUES TO DOMINATE NEWS. UNLESS THERE BEGIN TO BE NEW REVELATIONS, INTENSE INTEREST DEMONSTRATED TO DATE IS LIKELY TO QUICKLY DIMINISH WHILE COMMISSION GOES ABOUT ITS WORK. PRESS HAS, UP TO NOW, HAD NEW FEATURE OF STORY EVERY DAY, BUT THAT CANNOT CONTINUE.

6. COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED BEGIN ITS WORK TODAY, ALTHOUGH ONE OF MEMBERS, DONNER, HAS NOT RETURNED FROM STRASBOURG WHERE EUROPEAN COURT IS IN SESSION. GON IS NOW IN PROCESS OF COMPILING BACKGROUND DOCUMENTATION AND ASSEMBLING STAFF TO ASSIST COMMISSION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEMBERS.

7. A MOST UNLIKELY SOURCE, THE CPN, HAS SPOKEN OUT AGAINST THE THOUGHT THAT QUEEN JULIANA SHOULD RESIGN BECAUSE OF ALLEGATIONS AGAINST THE PRINCE. WRITING IN PARTY NEWSPAPER "DE WAARHEID" ("THE TRUTH"), CPN CHAIRMAN HOEKSTRA CALLS FOR PRINCE TO RESIGN AS INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF ARMED FORCES, BUT SAYS JULIANA'S ABDICATION WOULD NOT BE DESIRABLE BECAUSE IT WOULD STRENGTHEN

THE POSITION OF PRINCE CLAUS, HUSBAND OF CROWN PRINCESS BEATRIX.  
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